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New visual identity for college

by Cathy Rydell

orge Brown College has a new visual identity. You might call it a logo. "A new visual identity will contribute to raising public awareness of George Brown in the community. They also set the stage for the College to move forward with its plans to engage in thoughful dialogue(sic) and discussion about the challenges associated with preparing citizens for the future of work." states the brochure sent out to College employees. We at the Dialog, the student



newspaper, were sent neither the brochure, a letter from the President offering a free lunch or one of the great plastic mugs floating around the College. We instead were given 1 ceramic mug to share between Dialog Collective members and an eps vector file containing the logo. We are not bitter

GBC's 7th Annual Labour Fair

by Maureen Hynes

he Young and the Restless:
Youth and the Changing Labour
Movement. If you're concerned
about the jobs you'll get after
graduating, or the jobs you're
doing now to make ends meet while
studying, the Labour Fair (March 2226 at all three campuses) will bring
you valuable information.

The Labour Fair at George Brown is an annual event, bringing dozens of union speakers in to the college to speak to students and staff about current issues in the labour market. Activists from a wide range of trade unions and community agencies tell us what is really happening in Canadian workplaces.

This year's theme, The Young and the Restless: Youth and the Changing Labour Movement, highlights some of the good news from the labour movement - the unionizing that young people are spearheading in their minimum wage jobs. Dramatic examples from this year are the two unionized McDonald's in B.C. and Quebec. Young people are demanding better working conditions — and respect!

More than 50 union speakers, such as Sarah Inglis, Winnie Ng, June Veecock and Laurell Ritchie, will be visiting many classes, and everyone can attend the exciting public events, which include:

Tuesday, March 23

4:00 - 7:00
Feminite! An evening of women performers including live band Random Order — reggae stylists with a political message, cosponsored with the Student Association Women's Centres. Cash bar, Casa Loma Student Lounge

Wednesday, March 24

11:00 Labour Fair Greetings: Linda Torney, President, Labour Council of Toronto, and Frank Sorochinsky, President, GBC in the St James Student Lounge

11:15 -12:00 Rights and Wrongs

Show with prizes! Moderated by

Tom Malcolmson of GBC and David Lu, Workers' Information and Action Centre of Toronto, St James Student Lounge

12:00 - 1:00 Beyond McWorld (video & discussion), Catherine Goulet and Sarah Dopp, Council of Canadians, St James Student Lounce

:00 - 7:00

Feminitel An evening of women performers including live band Random Order - reggae stylists with a political message, cosponsored with SA Women's Centres. Cash bar, St. James Student Lounge

Thursday, March 25

11:00 Labour Fair Greetings: Paul Clifford, HERE Local 75/GBC Board of Governors labour rep and Frank Sorochinsky, President, GBC 11:15 - 12:00 Rights and Wrongs Game Show with prizes! With moderators Doug Laporte of GBC and David Lu, Workers Information and Action Centre of Toronto, Casa Loma Student Lounge 12:00 - 1:00 Young People Getting Organized! Debora di Angelis, Ontario Federation of Labour Youth

Rep , Buddy Kitchen, Organizer, Canadian Auto Workers, in the Casa Loma Student Lounge. 1:00 - 2:00 John Cartwright, President, Building & Construction Trades Council, The fight to

Trades Council, The fight to preserve Apprenticeship, Casa Loma Student Lounge

The Labour Fair is co-sponsored by the School of Labour, the Student Association, the Labour Council of Metro Toronto, the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Canadian Labour Congress, OPSEU Locals 556 and 557, the President's office, and all the faculties in the college.

For more info, watch for flyers and posters (designed by prize-winning Graphics student, Leah Milroy), or call Maureen Hynes, 415 2549.

TECHNOLOGY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Il technology students can, STOP, DROP AND ROLL, because you are represented by some people who expel so much energy they are igniting the campus. Yes, that's right we on fire for you! We are in need of some extinguishing ideas from you so that we may make it a little hotter around Casa Loma next semester. Any really scorching ideas will be addressed as if if they were a 5 alarm blaze.

During the last semester our Octoberfest Pub was a little frigid due to low attendance. So our President, Shannon blazing the trail as usual, has made a declaration to accept any smoking ideas put forth to the council

We are committed to make Casa Loma Campus a better place to go to school. The unfortunate thing is we need Class Representatives to do some volunteering for any of the events suggested. If your technology class is not represented, you will not have a voice in what we do!

The T.S.R.C. meets every Wednesday from 11:00am - 12:00 noon in A219.

Anyone can drop by our office in A219 anytime, or give us a Call at (905) 415-4387.

Pat Bedard V.P. Communications T.S.R.C.TECHNOLOGY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL The Technology Student Representative Council has began to

AWARDS BANQUET. Awards for all Technology blocks will be presented. There are Awards of Excellence, and Awards of Citizenship.

The Award of Excellence will be presented to the student who faculty believes would best represent GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE in

believes would best represent GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE in their field of study after this student graduates from the program. The Award of Citizenship will be presented to the student who faculty believes made the greatest

presented to the student who faculty believes made the greatest contribution to their program during their enrollment at GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE.

plan for the annual TECHNOLOGY

There will be 24 Awards each for Excellence and Citizenship. They will be available to students in each Post-Secondary, Tuition Short and Apprentice programs.

Volunteers are now being coordinated by the T.S.R.C Awards Committee. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to attend our meetings. Any further questions about the Awards Banquet or student concerns should be directed to the Executive Council in Room A219. Casa Loma Campus. 415-4387

A Meeting of the minds happens every Wednesday at 11:00 - 12:00 in

Pat Bedard V.P. Communication T.S.R.C.

FINDING YOUR PERFECT JOB

by Becky Li

uring a time filled with exams, tests and homework, we as students also need to think about a summer job. Most students don't have an option not to work during the summer. With tuition continually rising, students rely on summer jobs. George Brown offers students a tool that will help them find that perfect job.

Campus WorkLink (HYPERLINK http://www.campusworklink.com www.campusworklink.com www.campusworklink.com is an Internet based job posting site available to students and graduates. Working along side with George Brown's career centre, Campus WorkLink provides students with access to hundreds of jobs. Whether you like working in an office, working outside or working at the mall, Campus WorkLink has the perfect job for you.

As a college student myself, I am always thinking about working in the "real world". By searching WorkLink I have had the opportunity to access jobs that are related to marketing, my field of study. I have seen different areas of marketing ranging from sales to marketing assistants and the salary I

should expect when I start working fulltime. I've also seen some really neat summer jobs, such as a Nintendo games promoter, a very cool job for all those Nintendo lovers.

As for graduates, the government also offers you a new way to find a justiable in your field of study. This Internet site at HYPERLINK http://ngr.schoolnet.ca allows students to input their resume into a database. The database is then frequently searched by large companies who will contact students directly.

The best benefit for students and graduates is that both services for Campus WorkLink and NGR are FREE! So to get that perfect job, check out the web site and visit the career centre in room 582 at the St. James campus for more information.



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Want a great job? MINE!

by Allan Stokell, Editor in Chief, Dialog

ell, we are now two issues from Dialog's spring break. We will be taking a short rest from the printing press, but not from the

I have been asked by the Student Association to fill the newly created position of Publications Manager. It will be my responsibility to oversee production of the Dialog while training our new staff or this duty in the coming year. I will also assist with the production of "The Source", the student handbook put out jointly by the SA and Student Affairs at the college. We will also be initiating a semester calendar, so there will be lots to do.

I said that I would only be sitting at this chair for one year. But as this school year went by it became obvious that Dialog was becoming a tremendous success and the Student Association wanted assurance that this success would continue, even after I was gone.

There is only one constant here at the college. Things are constantly changing. We can complain about it all we like, or we can use it to our advantage.

I proposed to the Board of Directors that we needed to initiate training so every year when the torch is passed to yet another group of students, that our product would be the same. This requires a lot of hard work and planning but I believe that it is worth it.

The Dialog is one of the few SA resources that is capable of making revenue. By maximizing this potential we make it possible to provide better quality services that are non-revenue generating.

We have also created 10 new jobs at the Dialog. Our new system allows for three distinct levels of student participation.

The backbone of our paper has always been the volunteers. They help out in the offices, write stories, assist with layout, etc. What they are now also doing is training for one of the paid positions at the same time.

Our new level of honoraria offers pay-per issue or per job employment. We will be looking for people to fill these positions from our volunteer pool, but all students will be considered.

Our final new job level is the paid part-time positions. These are jobs that require from 20 hours per issue to 20 hours per week labour.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see add for job information sessions at Casa Loma and St. James campuses. I encourage everyone to attend these sessions and get the information for these new jobs.

The greatest thing about working for the Dialog is the fact that you are working at a skilled job in the same place you are going to school. It's almost like getting paid to go to class!

Now back to that thing about the break. Although April 16 is our last issue of this semester, things don't stop there. Our Summer in the City issue will be on the streets at the end of June. We need advertisers, writers, layout and production people for this issue and for our Survival Guide going out at the end of August.

We work very hard here at the Dialog. But we know how to have fun too. These jobs will provide the right candidate with extra money in the summer and throughout the coming school year. When it does come time to find a REAL JOB, then you will have a lot to put on your resume. Stuff like, "Ad Sales Representative for award-winning community paper" or "2 years experienced with Quark XPress® for bi-weekly publication". The reason we came to GBC is for training that will get us a job. Dialog should make that task a little easier.

letters

ear Frank: I have been sitting here pondering a few things that raise some interest for both myself and the student population.

Could you please take a minute of two to reply to my concerns.

1. Are you really getting a 30% bonus based on student KPI evaluations?

2. Did Susanne Kavanaugh hire a graphics design company to invent a logo for GBC that does not and has not ever hired a GBC graduate or offered a co-op placement?

4. Why are exemptions limited to 5 years yet most of the administration faculty have been here much longer?

5. Why is the book store constantly out of stock and critically late in shelving required text books?

6. Why is the student fitness center completely out of date and the shower area nearly uninhabitable, yet the 2nd floor patio area was completely refurbished for smokers and the ridiculously laughable odd AMA B-B-O?

7. Why is the student affairs area now a ghost town and has numerous illnesses have been documented such that the WSIB is currently involved in evaluating the working environment?

8. Who was responsible for the removal of the hall and common area tables such that students can no longer sit and study and/or socialize?

 How is it the computer resource center (LRC) operates separate from course curriculum. Why cant students use the lab for the Marketing Strategy game even thou its a credit course and a premiere event for OMCA?

10. Finally, why is it that even though you free President of GBC, I have not seen you once in 3 years at St. James campus? In the Dean's first 7 days he not only introduced himself but made the time to watch a full Powerpoint® presentation for a class assignment and then asked to be present for the final presentation in April?

Thank you for taking the time to reply.

Respectfully, Sean O'Connor



planet janet

Janet Morrison, Executive Director, George Brown College Student Association

lmost every day, I rise from my cozy bed at 7:00 a.m. and plant my feet on a freezing cold basement tile floor. In a groggy state of morning-misery, I trot to the shower and attempt to rouse myself for a hectic day at the Student Association. By 7:30 a.m., I'm ready to go, out the door, into a cold car and off to wrestle every other suburban commuter for a parking space at the Clarkson Go Station. This is a merciless endeavor; you wouldn't believe how nasty people can be about finding a legal spot to leave their precious auto. I don't waste time seeking out such luxuries. Inevitably, I arrive no more than two minutes in advance of departure and park wherever I can legality has little to do with it. Huffing and puffing after an all-out run for the train. I board and settle in for the 32-minute ride to Toronto Union Station. All total, I spend approximately commuting each way, every day. That translates to 140 minutes daily, 11.5 hours weekly, 46.5 hours monthly and 560 annually. Yikes. I've spent a lot of time on that blasted train in the past 14 months (that total doesn't even include the hours I spent trapped between Mimico and Longbranch during the fated snowstorm of January, 1999).

In retrospect, I'm not sure what I do with all that time on the train. Given my tendency towards practicality and my pension for productivity... you'd think I would do work or write articles for the Dialog. I don't. Instead, I usually listen to my beloved 102.1 and people-watch. Honestly, I've spent about 653 hours "observing" my fellow commuters and reflecting on their (sometimes very strange) behavior. Today, for example, the woman across from me is reading the National Enquirer. Without the benefit of her choice in "news" publications, I wouldn't know that a woman named Nicola Pirdham has 19 children (#20 is on due this spring) and a \$680/week grocery bill. Beside her, a man is engaged in the Arts & Leisure section of the Globe and Mail (informative and more socially acceptable, but far less riveting). To my left, a woman is speaking with her children on a cell phone, explaining why they must attend school despite the faci that their cousins (whose school is closed due to the labour dispute) cannot. All the while, a young man to my left is sleeping and drooling all over his coat. This is exciting

There are times when I think that my commuting habits constitute "wasted" time. If I lived closer to the College, for example, I could spend the 2.5 hours each day working out, walking my dog,

or reading insightful fiction. I've thought about learning to play the piano, taking up meditation or perfecting my French. That would be slightly more realistic if there were more hours in my day available for such luxuries. Maybe I'd just sleep more.

After considerable reflection, I've decided that I get tremendous value for my transportation dollar. Two weeks ago, a fellow traveler caught my attention and pointed to his crotch, wherein his pants were ripped open (wide open!). What a poignant reminder that the world has yet to reach a true state of enlightenment. Earlier this winter, I rode with a young woman whose infant son YELLED, "I want my Daddy" throughout the entire trip. Her patience and compassion were truly inspirational. There are people who read, executives who incoherently on their cell phones, and the adolescents who - looking so uncomfortable in their private school uniforms - scramble to finish their homework. even an ambitious fella doing his taxes en route today. Then there's me. I sit and listen to the radio and watch. What a great way to spend 653 hours and \$2166.00.



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To; My Sweety. Happy 17th ...You make me the happiest girl in the world! So glad you're mine. I♥U...Poohie

Oops. I'll be happy if your still my friend.

I like pina coladas and champagne. Where do you hang? Cuddles. By Alex Bustos OTTAWA (CUP)

inance Minister Paul Martin didn't win the support of student leaders Tuesday with his 1999 federal budget, which injects billions of dollars into health care but includes no new money for education.

The heads of Canada's two largest student groups declared the minister's fiscal plan a failure, saying the federal Liberals had neglected post-secondary education.

"This budget has absolutely nothing in it to reduce student debt," said Elizabeth Carlyle, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "It does nothing to stem the tide of rising tuition across the country."

The budget lays out a total of \$19 billion in new spending over six years, the vast majority directed toward health care.

Over the next five years, the federal government will put \$11.5 billion into transfer payments to the provinces for health care.

Ottawa will give the provinces \$3.5 billion right away to help solve immediate problems in the strained health-care system, and pump \$14.5 billion into provincial transfer payments in 1999-2000, up from this year's \$12.5 billion. The payments will then rise to \$15 billion a year for three years beginning in 2001-2002.

The money is part of the Canada Health and Social Transfer, which the Liberals' slashed earlier in their mandate, cutting \$7 billion from transfers to education, health care and social programs. Also announced in Tuesday's budget is \$1.35 billion over three years for other health-care projects, ranging from preventive disease programs to research and innovation.

Martin's so-called health and wealth budget introduced several tax cuts as well, including eliminating the 3 percent surtax and increasing the basic personal tax exemption to \$675 for all taxpayers.

An additional \$300 million is allocated

to the Canada Child Tax Benefit to increase payments to low- and middleincome earners.

The government's economic plan didn't impress Hoops Harrison, national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. He said the country's colleges and universities are also in need of a funding boost.

"There are hundreds of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance alone in universities across this country that are not being met," he said. "The only thing that is going to save our (post-secondary) institutions is a core funding increase."

Both Harrison and Carlyle criticized the budget for failing to address key student concerns. Although tuition fees increased by 45 per cent between 1993 and 1997 and the average student debt load reached \$25,000, the 1999 federal budget

doesn't introduce any new measures to halt rising tuition or debt.

Instead, all the money announced for increases to provincial transfer payments is earmarked for health care.

The budget did include \$1.8 billion over three years for industrial programs to improve Canada's research facilities, but most of that money is slated for nonacademic institutions such as the Technology Partnership Canada and the Canadian Space Agency.

Of direct interest to researchers at postsecondary institutions is a \$75-million increase to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, \$15 million to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and a promise to provide \$55 million for biotechnology research. Robert Giroux, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges, said the budget contains good news for post-secondary institutions. "I can understand the concerns of the students, because they would have liked the government to increase the transfer payments to the provinces for post-secondary education," said Giroux.





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A View From The Castle

he view this month is bleary. I can't see, I just went thirty-six hours without sleep. I don't mind not learning anything, I just wish I didn't have to waste so much time doing it

Well, by now you know that the Board of Governors have in fact voted to raise tuition for next year. And then they gave us mugs. Pretty damn expensive mugs, if you ask me.

I hope you went out and exercised your right, and responsibility to vote in George Brown Student Association elections. If not because you love your school, then because it was a chance to win money. I still question the ethics of that

I'd like to thank all the candidates for a good, clean election fight. It was nice to see some people out there who want to get involved. Election tallies are in and the new Student Association Vice President Casa Loma is Drew Sauveur. Congratulations Drew. I know you really wanted this, and I know you'll do a great job. I'm only sorry that I won't be here to see it.

That's right. I'm graduating? Well, one way another. I'm outta

here in April. It finally felt real to me when I had my grad photos taken. Who missed grad photos? All is not lost for you. They will be taken at the convocation ceremonies, and there is a rumor that they may come back before then. Contact the Student Association for more details.

Speaking of the Student Association, you can all stop whining, 'cuz we got new pool cues. Here's the deal. You give the person at the desk your student ID, they give you the pool cue. One cue per ID. That should cut down remarkably on theft

That's all I have for you this month. It's been remarkably slow, and I am remarkably tired. Hope you enjoyed your month off, I hope the weather was warm, unless you were in Florida, and then I hope it was rainy season. Now settle down and get to work. We're coming into the home stretch. Just seven weeks to go.

by Bill Ried

ull-time fee-paying George Brown students have access to a lawyer who can advise and assist them with virtually any legal problem, at no additional

That would be me. My name is Bill Reid, and I have an MBA as well as my law degree. I've been practicing law for 12 years, and counseling college students in particular for seven.

To meet with me, please arrange an appointment through an office of the Student Association. In the meantime, here are a few words about a subject that may be of interest to you:

PARDON OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION

If you have an adult criminal record, there are certain careers for which you are ineligible, especially those involving law, medicine or money. There are also certain countries that you would not be permitted to enter.

A record under the Young Offenders Act is generally erased automatically. However the federal government also offers a method by which adult criminal convictions can be removed from your record,

thereby eliminating your record altogether if no convictions remain. This method is the pardon

A pardon may be applied for once three years have passed since you fulfilled your sentence for a summary conviction offence, or five years have passed since you fulfilled your sentence for an indictable offence. Take note that a sentence may involve such things as probation or community service, and the sentence is not fulfilled until those requirements are met, even if you never go to jail.

To apply for a pardon, you must obtain and complete an application form. The application form may be obtained from the National Parole Board by calling 1-800-874-2652 or attending a regional office of the Board, or from some provincial courts and police stations. The Board decides whether or not to grant your application, after completing an investigation.

If a pardon is given, no one can ever know about the pardoned conviction except by making a special request, which is granted only in exceptional circumstances. However, if you commit a further criminal offence or are found to have lied on the pardon application, the pardon may be revoked.

Check out this page again next month for a brief on another topic.

Our Student Executive

What can we expect next year?

by Allan Stokell

o ahead they say, "go ahead, you should write about the student elections". But, I say, "I should be impartial. After all, if I had a problem with one or more of the candidates, would it not effect my impartiality?"

Well apparently not, because now the elections are history, here I am staring a deadline in the face and wondering what I should say.

First off, I think like most things run by the SA, the elections were better organised and better supported than previous years. Fewer candidates ran unoppossed and that speaks well for the new management team at the Student

By now you have seen our front page and have had an opportunity to see the new SA Executive for the 1999-2000 school year. It is my job, if you don't already know the candidates, to give you some sense of what you can expect this coming year from your team.

From the interviews I conducted, one fact seemed to dominate. Our new Executive Members are determined to work with one another for the betterment of the student body.

The first Executive Member to come for an interview and photo session was a beaming Jerome Adamo. Those regular readers of this rag know Jerome as the active and opinionated Director of External Affairs. Next year he'll be moving in to the Presidents chair

"My first goal will be to caucus with the incoming board to decide on our goals, I look forward to work closely with the campus specific vicepresidents." This thought was echoed by most newly elected representatives.

George Panagapka, Community Services board member went one step further. "I'd like to see 'Town Hall' style meetings so students voices can be better heard." Margaret Cameron, Vice President Education wants to encourage development of new student groups, especially students with diabilities and looks forward to representing George Brown College at the Canadian Federation of Students.

Drew Sauveur, Vice President Casa Loma intends to continue the good work done by his predecesor, Garry Brisbois. Better pubs and more pool tournaments he believes will give the students a better understanding of student life.

Elizabeth Antunes is a returning Vice President from two years ago who will represent St. James campus. She will also hold a position on the Board of Governors. "I want to make sure students get what they are paying for. We are all paying customers and we should have more control.3

Each of the interviewed candidates agreed that the relationship with the College should be cordial and professional. They agree that an open dialogue (sic) with the College is the best way to assure that the voices of all the students are heard.

Editor's Note: Although each successful candidate was given ample opportunity to be photographed and interviewed for this special Dialog story, we regret, as do they, that two of them could not participate.



Women's Centres

There will be a meeting for women from all four campuses on March 18th at 6 p.m. at the Casa Loma Women's Centre. This is an opportunity to share thoughts, concerns and a few laughs with other students. Children are welcome. For more information contact Margaret Cameron at 415-

International Women's Day On March 6th, Women from George Brown College will be meeting at Convocation Hall for the rally at 11 a.m. and the march following at 12:30. Look for the Banner!!! For more information. contact Kim Leighton at 415-2725 or Margaret Cameron at 415-

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Travel Horror Stories; by those

ne August, I climbed Mount Fuji. I left the bottom at 5 p.m. so I could see the sunrise from the top. Through the cold rain that fogged my glasses, and darkness and narrow rocky paths, sometimes strewn with large boulders that I precariously swayed on, avoiding the stands selling tempting \$7 moodle soups, with aching feet and back, and with the friends I made along the way, we reached the top at 6 a.m.and saw a beautiful sunrise! But, I had to frantically go back down to catch my 2

p.m. bus! At the bottom, to my horror, I realized that I had gone down the baside of Mount Fuji! My bus was at the front side! Kind strangers drove me to the front and happily, I caught my bus!

was travelling with my companion in Nicaragua, just after the Contra War. We were travelling in a rural area in a very poor part of a very poor country. Even though we were dressed way down, our mere height and skin colour screamed "Gringol"

Our hotelier for the night gave us a

room with no door lock. He assured us that his countrymen were extremely honest, and after the revolution locks were unnecessary. I suspected they were merely unsailable, but had no reason to distrust our hosts.

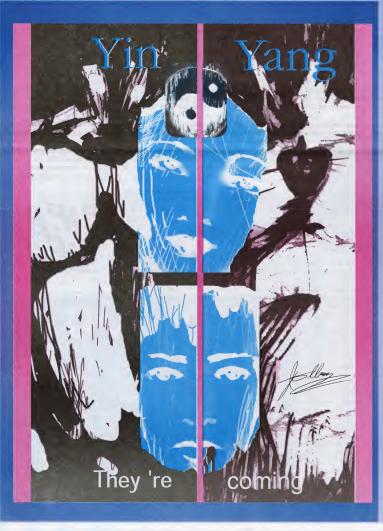
For privacy we took to wedging my Swiss Army knife into the door frame, but we were concerned about when we slept. It turned out that not only was this the only hotel in this dusty town, it was also the only brothel. We soon discovered that the walls were made of paper and customers enjoyed lots of loud assurance of their potency.

We thought since we were stuck the for the night, a large nightcap min help us fall asleep while listening to Fellini-esque carryings-on next do We managed to obtain a six pack of tinned beer I was unfamiliar with. At finishing the contents, we piled the against the door in a pyramid. If door was opened during the night, it would fall and wake us. We sleweth.

was travelling on a train in markerica with a number Europeans. The first class cowe rode on was made up o number of compartments exholding six passengers. A corridor down one side of the coach. Any seeing one of the "Orient Expremovies is probably familiar with setup.

The trip began with six passengers the compartment. Within a few ho the number had dwindled to four, a as night fell it became three. My fell travellers were an Italian anarchist a a German fascist. I was aware of th political beliefs, as I observed th reading materials. As the Tunis border drew nearer, the Italian bro the silence to suggest we smoke so hashish. It was obvious the German not want to be outdone as she produca small pipe. The air in compartment filled with smoke. paranoia was heightened by knowledge we were barreling toward border crossing. In this part of world crossing guards have automa weapons and sweeping power Possession of controlled substancould be deadly. The anarchist has way of dealing with this. He sat look out the window at the night terra Suddenly, he stood up, thanked us the enjoyable journey and left compartment. As I was sitting next the corridor, I observed him leave compartment, walk along the corrito the end of the coach. Just as the tr slowed for the border, he opened outside door and jumped off the tra Soon guards were swarming the tra asking for passports or other ID. WI the guard opened the double doors ask for our identification, I though might pass out. The combination hashish and possible detention were much. The guard waved his hand about his head and took our passports. So he returned them. Bless a man with Uzi without a sense of smell

ne summer, I went to i
Japanese Alps. I arriv
at the youth hostel at
p.m. Angrily, the own
told me I was late a
gave me \$3 to rush to catch the pub
bath before it closed. I could
understand his Japanese directions
get to the bath, so still angrily, he te
me to use the bath at the hostel, exc
I'd have to use the men's bath.



t-out-a-here guide who have returned to tell the tale

rabbed the money out of my hand, and hurriedly had a shower, keeping an eye out for showering men. As I left he shower, I saw that the women's bath hat he said was out of service was perfectly fine! The night was hot, so I lept in another room. At 5 a.m., just before my alarm went off, the owner hook me awake! He said he thought l and slept through my alarm! Then, he got mad because I had changed rooms! was mad that he had shaken me wake! I decided to leave that hostel and before I left, the owner asked me to ranslate an English article into apanese, so grumpily, I did. Then, I neard him speaking fine English, when had been struggling to communicate with him in my ragged Japanese! I

y wife and I
w e r e
honeymooning in
the south of France.
We thought we might
ike to include Venice in the itinery, so
we drove to the border of Italy. Since
Europe is now one country, the border
rossing was a breeze. Within a few
minutes we realised that we
had no gas for
our car. I
oulled in
o a gas
station that

symbol. It was a self-serve, so I filled the tank of our Citroen with benzina. I confidently walked into the station with my Mastercard. My knowledge of Italian is limited. I said "Mastercard" the man said "Si." I offered my credit card. He replied touder "SI!" as he pushed it away. We repeated this a few times. I offered the

displayed the Mastercard®

credit card, he kept yelling "SI!".

I looked at the Mastercard sign and sure enough, also on the sign it said "Si." so what was the problem?

At this point my wife, who has extensive knowledge of Sicilian dialect, and limited Italian

came to the rescue. "You must have a Mastercard with "Si" on it she said. "They are only issues in Italy", I say. My spouse utters a few words to the clerk and he responds. ""He's calling the police" she says. "I'm calling the CAA" (Canadian Automobile Association), I say He won't let me use the phone, so we are forced to use a pay phone a few metres down the road. I have a

affiliate club in Italy. I don't speak

number of the

Italian, the police are coming to impound our vehicle. Our desperate call is answered by a English speaking Italian who has relatives in Toronto. He curses the clerk at the gas station and asks for their phone number. My wife is thoughtful enough to have that information. As we walk back to the gas bar, we can see the attendant on the telephone. He is in deep

shit with head

office.

Angrily he offers a credit card slip to

ne summer, I went to Nagasaki and had no reservations. It was the holiday peak, so in desperation, I found out that there was nothing except a capsule hotel and fortunately it was Ladies Night! So, I slid

sit up with a foot of space above my head! I turned on the TV and found nothing but R movies! These business men obviously have specific interests! I've never slept in a capsule before, but it really wasn't so bad except for the stale air and people walking past. For \$40 in Japan, you couldn't want much more!



the city

WE STINK!

OH CANADA! OUR HOME AND NASAL LAND by Boni

were hanging out h e dialog office talking about the travel issue. Since I couldn't think of any great horror stories about my travel experiences, I began to ponder what differentiates Canadians from other nationalities. As I rode the bus the following morning, I finally came to a conclusion. Canadians stink.

It's not that they are badtempered or don't take baths or anything, it's just that they have the world's worst taste in colognes. They slather it on as if it was the last-whip-cream-piled-ona-sundae-before-a-ten-year-dietplan. Here is a list of the types of cologne wearers in Canada that drive me bonkers:

1) The Pillsbury® Cookie Ladies: These women douse themselves in that vanilla swill that's so popular on the market right now. I have no idea why somebody would think that smelling like a food substance is erotic to anyone over the age of six. Even if some adult in a complimentary moment of passion has inadvertently caused this trend I fail to understand why the wearers are wasting enough

vanilla extract to cause a Betty Crocker ®frosting shortage.

2) Brutes: These guys slap on chean American Brut® aftershave by the bucket. I suppose they think they smell manly but I have yet to consider adding a cowboy who reeks of pig hooves to my stable of interesting Friday-night

3) The Patchouli Pots: Expensive East Indian Patchouli perfume dabbed sparingly can melt a man. Cheap cologne crap sprayed out of aerosol bottles is one of the reasons that asthma rates are on the rise in this country. I don't know why these women don't just buy a can of Florient® Air Freshener. It would be cheaper, last longer and smell exactly the same.

4) Aromatherapy Airheads: These are the women that presume that because they are wearing a natural herbal fragrance they can bathe in it and appear "earthy". Skunks smell perfectly natural too, but I wouldn't want one sitting next to me on a crowded bus, either.

What's with this wearing gallons of vak urine to the office? I don't get that at all. WHO do these people wear cologne for? The courier? Any other guy/gal there trying to pick them up would get fired for sexual harassment and anyway, hasn't anyone told them. they aren't there to DANCE

they're there to WORK? Am I missing something here? I walk into a business office nowadays and find my nostrils being assaulted with 42 different odors any one of which involves a stench worse than a storm sewer on overload.

There's a legitimate logic behind why the French are considered the best lovers in the world. The main reason is because both sexes SMELL wonderfully sensuous. (Okay, I'm exaggerating a little, there is one MORE important reason but it would get me into doo-doo with the editorial staff were I to mention it.) Since France is the home of superb perfumes we should take lessons from them.

The French buy EXPENSIVE perfume/cologne. Since one bottle costs a week's wages they use it judiciously. In other words, AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE PEOPLE! I've yet to meet a Frenchman whose scent I noticed unless I was physically close enough to be dancing with him (or something else, uh-huh, uh-huh).

All of you out there who are guilty of sinus abuse please take heed from the French. The rest of our noses will appreciate it.

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by Melanie Denheyer MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Men's Volleyball Team has struggled through a tough season. However, despite the struggle, team members continued to work hard, improve and keep their spirits high throughout the year. The Huskie squad finished the season strong, going 5 sets in a close loss to Royal Military College. Scores were: 5-15, 6-15, 15-10, 15-6 and 12-15. The Men's Program hosted GBC's Annual Girl's High School Tournament and continued the tradition of a first class show, as the tourney proved to be a great experience for everyone involved.

WOMEN'S INDOOR SOCCER The Lady Huskies hosted the 4th Annual GBC Indoor Soccer Tournament on Saturday, February 13th at Clairley Soccer Centre. The Women had 4 tough battles in a very strong pool. Scores were: GBC vs Humber, 1-5; GBC vs Conestoga Alumni, 0-3; GBC vs Redeemer, 0-1; and GBC vs Waterloo University, 1-2. The experience of GBC's Alumni Team was evident in their play as they dazzled the crowd advancing from their pool with only 1 goal against. They kicked it off against Conestoga Alumni for the championship. The Huskie Alumni's proved to be the top of the class, prevailing 4-1. Overall, the tournament was a great display of talent from all ten participating teams.

MEN'S INDOOR SOCCER

The Men's Team co-hosted with the Women in Scarborough for the 6th Annual Invitational. Ten teams participated in an action-packed day of exciting play and tough competition. GBC came out with 2 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. Scores were: GBC vs Centennial, 3-3: GBC vs St. Lawrence, 3-2: GBC vs. Niagara, 2-3; and GBC vs Ryerson, 2-1. Despite an impressive performance, the Men failed to qualify for the championship game. Centennial and Conestoga advanced from their respective pools to face off for the title. Conestoga's incredible defensive effort lead them to a 3-0 win to be crowned the champs. The soccer program looks forward to next year's competition upholding the tradition of great play and sportsmanship.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Huskie Men went on an overnight road trip to Kingston on the weekend. They faced off against R.M.C. on Friday, winning in convincing fashion, 90-56. On Saturday the Huskie Men had the game of the season on the line. They tipped off against St. Lawrence (K) who were tied with the Huskies for first place in the East Division. The team proved to be unfazed by the crowd and came up on top, 97-73, to take soul possession of first place. The Huskies continued their winning streak against Sir Sanford Flemming, winning, 100-55. George Brown is presently ranked 11th in the country and expected to continue rising up to the challenge as they make their way into the playoffs. Roger Nurse and Paul Cahur are in the chase for the scoring title, averaging 19.6 and 15.8 points per game, respectively. Guards, Waleed Balcher and Raymond Morgan are delivering the passes to Nate Hogan and Marc Madramootoo who are finding their scoring touch just in time. Jason Dawkins continues to slash through any defense and the rest of the Huskie squad comes off the bench in blazing fashion. Catch your Huskies in action at the OCAA championships! Games will be held at Mohawk College from March 4th to March

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Women capped off their regular season at home in the St. James gymnasium with a motivating win over Seneca, 38-31, on Friday. The Lady Huskies finished with 8 wins and 8 losses, with impressive performances against some of the top teams in the region. The Women proceed to the quarterfinals with a chance to proceed to the OCAA championships, which will be held at Durham College on March 5th and 6th. They enter the post season with a lot of confidence and the team hopes to catch their opponents off guard. Support your Huskies in action!

GBC CHEER AND DANCE TEAM The Huskie Dancers accompanied the Men's Basketball Team, on the road to the top in Kingston. At R.M.C. they performed a groovy and gutsy interpretation of "Where The Ladies At". It was a halftime performance the Brockville won't soon forget. On Saturday, the team showed St. Lawrence

(K) that George Brown College has more than just basketball. The dancers pumped up the crowd in a defining and emotional game. Spectators enjoyed the performance and GBC continues to rapidly build a reputation for its Cheer and Dance Program. The team will be performing in Hamilton at Mohawk Mountain Gym during the Men's OCAA championships. Come on out and cheer your Huskies as they rock the show!

BADMINTON

George Brown hosted the Central Regional Badminton Championships at St. James Campus gymnasium on the sixth floor. In the Men's Singles Competition, Fred Pourzansani took home 1st place with an undefeated record of 6-0. On the Women's side, the duo of Sarah Devoe and Lan Nguy had a great performance in a 2nd place effort. The Huskie Swingers placed 3rd in the overall team results and gained great experience throughout the weekend. Best of luck goes out to all players who will travel to Cambrian for the OCAA Badminton Championship!

"NAME THE HUSKIE" CONTEST George Brown's Athletics Department needed a name for the school mascot with the coming of the New Year. The contest ran for 2 weeks with enormous participation from all campuses. Together, students from Casa Loma Nightingale and St. James tallied over 150 votes for the Huskie name. A committee of 5 people voted on the entries and decided that the name GEORGIE B was both suitable and unique. Congratulations to Roxanne Chin-Choy from the General Arts and Sciences program who won first prize.

Roxanne will enjoy an Adidas tracksuit for her school spirit!

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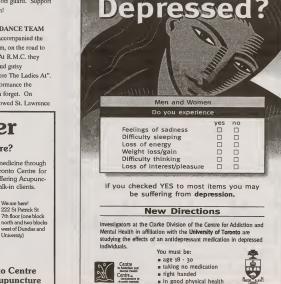
The Athletics Department and Student Life Association are hosting the 5th Annual Talent Trek on Tuesday March 30th, 1999. If you have a hidden talent that you're just itching to show off, register for an audition by March 17th and make yourself eligible for up to \$300 in prize money. Admission is \$1.00 or a non-perishable food item. So check it out or become involved in YOUR SCHOOL'S TALENT TREK '99 !!!

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pring's here! You may not be able to see it, but it's here. Go outside. Take a look at the trees. A close look. See that subtle change in colour of the bark? See the bulging buds? There is another way that beer drinkers can tell spring is just around the corner; a renewed interest in Bock beer.

Bock is one of the styles that is easily misunderstood by consumers and not done 'to style' by brewers.

Let's first discuss the style of beer known as Bock. German tradition has it that a strong, dark malty beer is made available just before Easter. It was first made in the city of Einbeck in around the 13th century. The story goes that this high gravity (extra alcohol) beer was in fact similar to the barley wines the English have enjoyed for years during the winter months. The appellation reaches mythical proportion when we add the thing about the ram. For some reason male sheep always figure promenantly on the labels of Bock beers. The story goes that since this style of beer originated in Einbeck, the name is merely a slang term for the town that also means male sheep.

The beer has a distinctive malted barley nose and taste. It is medium dark of colour (you can see through it, but sometimes might need a bright light) and enjoys exceptionally light hopping bitterness. True to style, samples would

be between 6.5 and 8 percent alcohol by volume (1074-1080 original gravity). The southern Germans, not to be outdone by the Einbeckians, developed Dopplebock or double bock. There is also Helles or pale bock and (do I hear a Wagnerian opera)...Eisbock, a high gravity beer that is frozen, then the ice (formerly water) is removed, but not the alcohol because that freezes at lower temperatures

In this tasting we have four beers to sample. I would recommend sampling them in the order I have laid out here

The Celebrator Doppelbock truly lives up to its' name. Made by the Brewery of Franz Inselkammer, this beer establishes the style that many North American Breweries should follow. Breath in the full malty nose. Enjoy the remarkable balance of barley malt and hops. Revel in the colour. This is not a barley sandwich but a four course banquet!

Next I recommend the Upper Canada True Bock. Recently Upper Canada Breweries have been purchased by Sleeman Brewing and Malting of Guelph, Ontario. I trust this will not effect the availability of this beer. A dry start belies a light rich maltiness with a good hop in the finish. A pleasant beverage I would rank high in the Upper Canada product line up although I have to confess that I find the finish on most UCB products to be dry at best and sour at worst.

The Brick Bock gets high marks for a

number of very good reasons. Trueness to style, full maltly flavour, nice hop balance. Brick is brewed in Kitchener Waterloo and the German influence (real or imaginary) is felt in this product.

Creemore Springs Brewery is known for one product. Creemore Lager. You have to admire a brewery who will do that. Henry Ford said that you could get a Model T' in any colour "as long as it is black". Creemore makes one other colour; Ur Bock. Purists among us will say it's thin and sweet. It is the lightest we tasted at 6% alcohol by volume. This product would probably have been dropped from the tasting fail one important reason.

Those of you among us who have a few

grey hairs remember the Bock beers the major breweries used to introduce each spring. They were dark in colour and little else. "Paint Jobs" as they're known in the trade. Creemore is no paint job but if your tasting panel doesn't boast a few members of the Gambrinus Society then I suggest that Ur Bock may fair well in your tasting. It is distinctive and makes an excellent session beer.

The beers were reviewed today on a standard of one to five stars by my own highly subjective standards. At your tasting perhaps you would like to have provide a sheet of paper so the tasters can rate the beers themselves. Please let me know how it went. My e-mail address is jake.dialog@mailexcite.com.

TRY YOUR OWN TASTING Here are four Bocks I recommend if you want to do a tasting for a few friends. Keep in mind that these are high alcohol beers so make sure you and your mates don't drink and drive! Try eating unsalted crackers between tastings so your palette be able to enjoy each new flavour nuance. The phone numbers and URL's (Web addresses) have been provided so you can check on

1.Ur Bock, Creemore Springs Brewery (705) 466-2240,

www.barint.ca/creemore (6% alcohol by volume)

2.True Bock, Upper Canada Breweries (416) 534-9281, www.uppercanada.com (6.5% alcohol

by volume)*** 3.Bock, Brick Brewing Company (416)

532-5949 no internet address (7% alcohol by volume)***

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t seems my candid expression of my passions may have landed the editor of this rag in some deep shit. - only about waste high mind you so there is lots of room for action. My e-mails indicate that some English teacher over there at GBC went raving to the SA about the kind of language I use in my column. Well I use the English language, asshole, and I only use words I find in my pocketbook copy of the Oxford Dictionary of Current English. I paid eight bucks for this baby at the GBC bookstore and I'm keepin' it till they sell cow piss for vinegar.

You know, that was always the problem with the \College? There are still some people there who don't get the message. The higher up the pole, the worse it gets. I remember one time when they were

promoting some programme called Sights of the City. I saw the posters and I said "Who did this?" So you know, I went upstairs to the fifth floor and there was a department called Corporate Communications or some other shit, and I asked "Who designed this poster for your campaign?" and when they told me I asked "Are they a GBC alumnist?" Boy, I never should have asked that cause shit rained down for forty days and forty nights. Can you believe that George Brown College run all these promotions, use all these graphic designers and never once fuckin' ask if they ever graduated from the College?

When they cater functions, do they use Hospitality grads? Is the webmaster a grad? Is the Dialog published at GBC? Do they ever consider our college first

before they spend our money on all that other stuff?

Well if you have something more than shit for brains, I suggest you start asking why the City College can't use the services of graduates. Don't they have any faith in their work? Out there in the big world there are thousands of people who are grads.

Yeh, so listen, it's been a hard day and nothing has worked out. I don't mean to lay all this shit on you but I need some R&R. I'll take rest and relaxation or I'll take rock and roll but it's got to have an edge.

In the mean time start asking some hard questions out there. If we don't we'll all be working at a coffee shop just like the lady on the poster.





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